

CITY COUNCIL CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
MAY 6, 1953

This regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi held at 8:00 o'clock p.m. of May 6, 1953. Councilmen Haskell, Preszler, Rinn, Robinson and Richey (Mayor) present; absent none.

The minutes of the previous meeting, April 15, 1953, were approved after authorizing the addition of the following sentence to the third paragraph under City Planning Commission: "It was further stipulated that should it become necessary at some future date to move the Child Care Center to another site, the City of Lodi would not be responsible for furnishing another site or for any of the costs of such move."

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter from a national patriotic organization calling attention to National Flag Week, June 8 - 14. The matter was set aside for investigation.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

TELEPHONE
RATE HEARING

The City Manager reported that he attended the opening session of the Public Utilities Commission hearing on the Telephone Company rate case. He reported that the City of Lodi had been entered as an Interested Party and would receive copies of all the evidence. It will be possible for the City to intervene as a Protestant at any time. He stated that he did not feel that it will be necessary to enter the case as a Protestant unless it appears the Company intends to discriminate against the residents of Lodi. He stated further that he planned to analyze the testimony as it comes in and keep the public informed relative to its application to local conditions.

REQUEST FOR
WATER SERVICE

The City Manager presented a request from Mrs. Ed Hutchins for water service to a cabin located on her property on the south side of Lodi Avenue outside the City. Mr. Weller stated that he did not believe the granting of this request would affect its future annexation. He further stated that there would be no particular benefit to the City water system in the granting of this connection. Councilman Rinn moved, Robinson second, to extend temporary service to the property, in view of the type of structure existing on the property at this time, with the provisions that the service will be discontinued at such time as the structure is changed. The motion carried.

SEWER
SPECIFICATIONS

Specifications for the installation of sewers in the Costa and Vinewood Tracts, South Lee Avenue, and South Crescent Avenue were approved on the motion of Councilman Haskell, Rinn second.

SPECIFICATIONS
FOR STREET
MATERIAL

Specifications for approximately 2,500 tons of 3/8 inch maximum size plant mixed surfacing for use in the secondary street program were approved on the motion of Councilman Robinson, Preszler second.

The City Manager reported that one bid had been received for the installation of sewers in the Lawrence Ranch Subdivision, and that the bid was substantially higher than the City Engineer's

LAWRENCE RANCH estimate. He recommended that the installation
SEWER BIDS be done by force account. On the motion of
REJECTED Councilman Haskell, Robinson second, the Council
RES. #1741 adopted Resolution No. 1741, rejecting the bid
ADOPTED of Wm. Burkhardt and authorizing the City Engineer to proceed with the sewer installation using force account labor.

S.CHURCH ST. Mr. Weller reported that the bids for the installation of street lights in the South Church Street
LIGHTING DIST. Lighting District had been opened on May 1, 1953,
CONTRACT AWARD and Dick Wagers Electric had submitted the lowest
RES. #1742 bid. On the motion of Councilman Preszler, Haskell second, the Council adopted Resolution No.
ADOPTED 1742, awarding the contract to the lowest bidder, Dick Wagers Electric.

PARKING AT The City Manager presented a recommendation from
LODI AVENUE the Police Department that the curb on the south
AND SCHOOL ST. side of Lodi Avenue from School Street to Sacramento
INTERSECTION Street be painted red to prohibit parking, and that the curb on School Street be painted red for no parking on either side for 100 feet south of the Lodi Avenue intersection. The recommendation was based upon the narrowness of the streets at this intersection and the large volume of traffic carried. It was felt that painting the south side of Lodi Avenue would inconvenience the property owners fronting on that section of the street. It was also suggested that a traffic count be taken of the traffic, both northbound and southbound, on School Street to determine if it is necessary to prohibit parking on both sides of the street. Councilman Robinson pointed out that the Lodi Avenue entrance to the Sell Rite Market, just west of Church Street, presented a traffic hazard. It was agreed the matter should be put over until the next meeting to allow time to investigate the problem at the Sell Rite Market and to allow time for the traffic count on School Street. Councilman Haskell suggested that some thought be given to the possibility of acquiring the needed right of way on Lodi Avenue east of Baker's Nursery. He pointed out that painting the curb was only a temporary measure and the problem would only be solved by widening the street.

TRUCK ROUTES Mr. Weller reported that he had met with the Chief of Police and the manager of Stokely Cannery to discuss the routing of trucks in and out of the cannery. He further reported that they had agreed upon a plan which would provide for westbound trucks entering the City on Kettleman Lane and then proceeding north on Stockton Street to the cannery. Upon leaving the cannery, the trucks would travel north on Main Street to Lodi Avenue and east on Lodi Avenue to Cherokee Lane. This plan would call for closing Lodi Avenue to westbound truck traffic and closing all of the east-west streets from Lodi Avenue to Kettleman Lane to trucks. Councilman Robinson objected to the closing of Lodi Avenue to westbound truck traffic because it would interfere with other trucks destined to the various packing sheds or using the public scales at the corner of Lodi Avenue and Main Street. It was agreed that signs reading "No Trucks" should be placed at the intervening streets between Lodi Avenue and Kettleman Lane on Cherokee Lane, and that a sign reading "No Cannery Trucks" should be placed on Lodi Avenue at Cherokee Lane. It was also agreed that a sign stating "Cannery Trucks Here", or words to that effect, should be placed on Kettleman Lane at

Cherokee Lane. It was further agreed that trucks should be prohibited from using South Church and Pleasant Streets between Kettleman Lane and Lodi Avenue.

STREET
TREE
REMOVAL

The City Manager presented a revised list of 17 trees which the City Engineer recommended to be removed. The revised list together with the draft of a letter to be sent to affected property owners had been furnished each of the councilmen prior to the meeting. Councilman Robinson stated that it was his understanding that the Council was primarily interested in reducing the City's liability by removing those trees which were causing the greatest damage to sidewalks. He pointed out that he could only find three of the trees on the list of 17 that were causing severe sidewalk damage, and several of the trees were in places where sidewalks did not exist. Mr. Weller replied that it would be better to remove these offending trees before a sidewalk was constructed in order to relieve the property owner of the expense of replacing the sidewalk at a later date. On the motion of Councilman Haskell, Preszler second, to adopt the revised list of 17 trees recommended by the City Engineer for removal, the Council voted as follows:

AYES: Councilmen Haskell, Preszler, Rinn and Richey

NOES: Councilman Robinson

Councilman Haskell then moved, Preszler second, to notify the property owners of the intention of the City Council to remove the trees with a letter as submitted by the City Manager subject to the addition to the letter of a commitment by the City Council to replant with suitable trees, and to further give property owners notice by posting the trees designated for removal. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Mayor Richey then appointed Councilman Robinson to confer with the City Engineer and Don Berry, the representative for the City's insurance carrier, to prepare a recommendation for a future tree removal program. On the motion of Councilman Haskell, Rinn second, the Council then voted to instruct the City Manager to invite the residents of the 200 block on South California Street to meet with the City Council to resolve the problem caused by the street trees in front of their residences.

ORD. NO.487
INTRODUCED
ADOPT 1952
UNIFORM
BUILDING
CODE

The City Manager presented the recommendation of the Building Inspector that the City Council adopt the 1952 edition of Volume I and III of the Uniform Building Code. Councilman Haskell moved, Preszler second, the introduction of Ordinance No. 487, adopting the Uniform Building Code, Edition of 1952, Volumes I and III. The motion carried.

ORD. NO.488
INTRODUCED
ADOPT 1951
UNIFORM
ELECTRIC CODE

A recommendation from the Building Inspector that the City Council adopt the 1951 edition of the Uniform Electrical Code was presented. On the motion of Councilman Haskell, Preszler second, the Council voted to introduce Ordinance No. 488, adopting the Uniform Electrical Code, 1951 Edition.

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

VARIANCE
REPORTED

The City Manager read a memo from the City Planning Commission reporting that the Zoning Committee of the Planning Commission had approved a request from Harvey Berndt of 200 South Orange Avenue for an adjustment to Ordinance No. 469, allowing a variance for a one-foot encroachment on the side yard. The memo explained that this request met the same conditions as the Aaron Reinrich variance and the committee felt that to rule otherwise would prejudice the applicant, Mr. Berndt.

VOLUNTARY
STREET TREE
REMOVAL

Councilman Robinson reported that he had been approached by a resident wishing to remove olive trees in front of his residence because the olives presented an unsightly and hazardous situation. Councilman Rinn stated he felt this request should be considered along with the overall question of dealing with property owners requesting tree removal. Councilman Haskell stated that he believed the property owner has a right to remove trees which he finds objectionable providing he replants the trees at his own expense. Councilman Haskell then moved, Rinn second, that the Council adopt a policy for voluntary tree removal to provide that trees, except oak and magnolia trees, may be removed by the property owners providing that the removal is at the expense of the property owner and that the tree is replaced with a tree approved by the City and suitable to the vicinity. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

INTERSECTION
OF LODI AVE.
AND ORANGE
AVE.

Councilman Haskell suggested that the Police Department study the traffic problem at the corner of Orange Avenue and Lodi Avenue. He pointed out that hedge on the northeast corner of the intersection obstructed the vision of motorists entering the intersection from Orange Avenue. He suggested that the hazard might be lessened by moving the hedge back from the corner several feet.

CLAIMS

Claims in the amount of \$65,545.18 were approved on the motion of Councilman Robinson, Rinn second.

ORD. 485
ADOPTED
REZONING
PRESZLER
TRACT

ORDINANCE NO. 485, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL DISTRICT MAP OF THE CITY OF LODI AND THEREBY REZONING A PORTION OF LOT 13, BURR'S ADDITION, TO BE IN THE R-2 ZONE, having been introduced at the regular meeting of April 15, 1953, was brought up for passage on the motion of Councilman Haskell, Preszler second. Second reading was omitted by unanimous consent, after reading by title, and was then passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen, Haskell, Preszler, Rinn, Robinson and Richey

NOES: Councilmen, None ABSENT: Councilmen, None Mayor Richey then signed Ordinance No. 485 in approval thereof.

ORDINANCE NO. 486, DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LODI TO VACATE CERTAIN STREETS AND ALLEYS IN LAWRENCE HOMESTEAD ADDITION AND IN LAWRENCE HOMESTEAD ADDITION NO. 2, ALL IN THE CITY OF LODI, having been introduced at the regular meeting of April 15, 1953, was brought up for passage on the motion of Councilman Haskell,

ORD. NO. 486
ADOPTED
VACATING
STREETS IN
LAWRENCE
HOMESTEAD
ADDITION

Rinn second. Second reading was omitted by unanimous consent, after reading by title, and was then passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen, Haskell, Preszler, Rinn,
Robinson and Richey

NOES: Councilmen, None ABSENT: Councilmen, None
Mayor Richey then signed Ordinance No. 486 in approval thereof.


DREYFUSS
RESIGNATION

Mr. Weller announced the resignation of Martin Dreyfuss as Finance Director and City Treasurer to accept the position of Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Fairfield. In his letter of resignation, Mr. Dreyfuss requested that his resignation become effective June 12, 1953. Mr. Weller stated that Mr. Dreyfuss had done a splendid job of organization in the Finance Department and the City owes him a debt for undertaking a highly responsible position and giving it professional competence. Mr. Weller then stated that, at the present time, he planned to hold a closed promotional examination to select a replacement for the vacated position. The Council unanimously agreed that Mayor Richey should direct a letter to Mr. Dreyfuss expressing the regret the Council feels in the loss of his services and wishing him success in his new venture. It was also agreed that Mayor Richey should send a letter to the Mayor of Fairfield congratulating the City of Fairfield on its choice. Councilman Rinn then moved, Haskell second, to accept the resignation of Mr. Dreyfuss as City Treasurer with regret. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

PARKING
METER
PETITIONS

Councilman Preszler inquired as to the disposition of the petitions relating to parking meters. Mr. Weller explained that the petitions had not been verified as yet, but that this would be done when the City Clerk could take the time from his other duties. Mr. Weller pointed out that the petitions ask that the matter be placed before the voters at the next general election, and since the next general City election would not be held until April 1954, he did not believe there was any particular hurry about the verification. Councilman Robinson stated that he felt recognition should be given to the petitions, and he recommended that they be checked and reported upon at the next Council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned on the motion of Councilman Haskell at 10:25 p.m.

ATTEST: 
HENRY A. GLAVES, JR.
City Clerk